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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISTANBUL

REF: ISTANBUL 3110

1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION SUBMITTED REFTel AND COMMEND
CONGEN FOR ITS REPORTING ON TERRORIST ATTACK AND ACTIONS
TAKEN VIS-A-VIS AMCIT PASSENGERS.

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2. WE URGENTLY NEED FROM ADDRESSEES ANY ADDITIONAL FACTS BEARING ON THE INCIDENT, IN PARTICULAR, RELATING TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE TERRORISTS TRANSITED ROME, OBTAINED THEIR WEAPONS AND TRANSPORTED THEM TO ISTANBUL (E.G., IN HAND LUGGAGE OR HOLD BAGGAGE), THE ROLE OF LIBYA IN BACKSTOPPING THE ATTACK OR ACQUIESING IN ITS PREPARATION, AND THE SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT AT ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, INCLUDING TRANSIT LOUNGE, AT TIME OF ATTACK.

3. FOR ANKARA: FAA HAS OFFERED TO MAKE MR. CHARLES CARRINGTON, AN FAA EXPERT IN AIRPORT AND AIR CARRIER SECURITY PRESENTLY IN ROME, AVAILABLE TO YOU AND/OR THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IF YOU FEEL HIS PRESENCE IN ANKARA OR ISTANBUL MIGHT BE HELPFUL. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. IT APPEARS FROM HERE THAT TURKISH SECURITY OFFICIALS DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN DEALING WITH THE TERRORISTS ONCE THEY SURFACED. WE ASSUME THAT YOU WILL FIND IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT GOT INTENDS TO PROSECUTE THE TERRORISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT TURKISH LAW. KISSINGER

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